

**FACILITATING SIMULTANEOUS DOWNLOAD OF A MULTICAST FILE TO A
PLURALITY OF END USER DOWNLOAD DEVICES**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method for facilitating multicasting of a file to a plurality of end users is disclosed herein. The method includes an operation for multicasting control service information for reception by a plurality of end user download devices and an operation for receiving a plurality of requests for reception of offered content designated in the control service information. The requests are received from a group of the end user download devices. In response to receiving the requests, an operation is performed for multicasting the offered content for reception by each one of said end user download devices in the group. A multicast-capable distribution network facilitates multicasting of the control service information, facilitates receiving the requests for reception and facilitates multicasting the offered content.

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